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Your attention is directed to 37 CFR § 41.47.

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37 CFR § 1.136(a) does not apply.

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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/241,735

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Your Ref: 21776/00034 Our Ref: FQ693P-US

Dear Mr. Hume:

Thank you for your letter of January 6, 2005, enclosing Notice of Hearing in the above-identified application.

Our client has confirmed that you attend the Oral Hearing scheduled on February 22, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. Please forward the confirmation to the USPTO on or before January 19, 2005.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Mieko Shibazaki

for Takayoshi Kokubun

P.S. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by facsimile.